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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: DISCUSSION WITH HEAD OF SRI LANKAN DELEGATION TO NACCFM MEETING

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1. ON APRIL 1, I MET WITH FINANCE MINISTER FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIKE, HEAD OF SRI LANKA'S DELEGATION TO NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN NEW DELHI, AND REVIEWED WITH HIM THE ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE US AS CONTAINED IN PARA 11 REFTEL. BANDARANAIKE SAID THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY EXPLOSIVE ISSUES TO ARISE AT MEETING AND THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A ROUTINE CONFERENCE, EVEN A VACATION FOR HIM.

2. FINANCE MINISTER DOES NOT ANTICIPATE A PROBLEM ON THE NORTH KOREA QUESTION. HE SAID, "THEY WON'T EVEN BE THERE." HE DOES NOT THINK THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE WILL BE CONSIDERED EITHER. BANDARANAIKE WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN OUR POINT ON THE UNCTAD ECONOMIC ISSUES OF THE COMMON FUND AND BUFFER STOCKS. HE SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD THE US CONFIDENTIAL

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WANTED TO PURSUE THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE AND THAT IESRI LANKA WOULD TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE MATTER.

3. BANDARANAIKE'S ONLY OTHER COMMENT CONCERNING NACC MEETING WAS THAT AFTER THE OPENING FORMALITIES AND GREETINGS HE EXPECTS TO TURN THE CHAIRMANSHIP OVER TO THE INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND SIT BACK AND RELAX.

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